

Tassinari, Michelle (SEC)

From: Jessica Lang <JLang@autoalliance.org>
Sent: Friday, July 13, 2012 11:52 AM
To: Tassinari, Michelle (SEC)
Subject: Citizens Committee for Safe and Fair Repair 150 word statement and contact

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Michelle,

As promised, here is the phone number and URL to make our information complete.

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Authored by:
David Martin, Treasurer
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Jessica Lang
Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers

From: Jessica Lang
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2012 4:38 PM
To: 'Tassinari, Michelle (SEC)'
Subject: Citizens Committee for Safe and Fair Repair 150 word statement and contact

Michelle,

Below (and attached as a word file) please find the Citizens Committee for Safe and Fair Repair's required submission for the voter ballot guide. As discussed earlier today, we will supplement this submission with a phone number and website by this coming Tuesday, July 17.

Regarding the "Author/Contact" .pdf, I filled out this form and have included it as an attachment. I signed the form. If the author/contact must sign the form, please let me know and we will have David sign the form and resubmit it. As required, I will also send you a hard copy.
Thank you for your help today. Please let me know if you need anything else.
Jessica

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From: heidiheilmanmapa@gmail.com on behalf of Heidi Heilman
<heidiheilman@mapreventionalliance.org>
Sent: Friday, July 13, 2012 12:28 PM
To: Tassinari, Michelle (SEC)
Subject: Re: Information for Voters Booklet

Hello Michelle,

Thanks for your time on the phone. I look forward to receiving the Word version of the Contact Information for the statement submission due today.

Heidi

Heidi Heilman, President
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From: heidiheilmanmapa@gmail.com on behalf of Heidi Heilman
<heidiheilman@mapreventionalliance.org>
Sent: Friday, July 13, 2012 2:12 PM
To: Tassinari, Michelle (SEC)
Cc: Kevin A. Sabet
Subject: Against Statement
Attachments: Contact.Information.Form.2012.IFV - complete.doc; AGAINST STATMENT July 13th final.pdf

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Question 3: "Medical Use of Marijuana"
AGAINST Statement

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In Colorado, for example, less than 3% of patients suffer from cancer and HIV.¹

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Medical marijuana needs tighter restriction and physician oversight.

Let's develop medications properly and find a better path for seriously ill patients, who should not be arrested.

Protect Massachusetts from widespread abuse. Vote no.

¹ Statistics compiled by the Colorado Department of Public Health. Accessed on July 13, 2012 at <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/hs/medicalmarijuana/statistics.html>

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Cc: Kevin A. Sabet
Subject: Re: Against Statement
Attachments: AGAINST STATMENT July 13th final.docx

Word version attached.

Thank you, Michelle.

Heidi

On Fri, Jul 13, 2012 at 2:14 PM, Tassinari, Michelle (SEC) <michelle.tassinari@state.ma.us> wrote:

Thank you Heidi-

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From: John Commisso <jcommisso@libbyhoopes.com>
Sent: Friday, July 13, 2012 3:41 PM
To: Tassinari, Michelle (SEC)
Cc: Tom Hoopes; Erik Balsbaugh; Lynda Tocci; Jack Corrigan
Subject: Author/Contact Information and Arguments For Medical Use of Marijuana
Attachments: 10 Form and Arguments FOR Medical Use of Marijuana.pdf

Dear Ms. Tassinari:

On behalf of the Committee for Compassionate Medicine, I have attached the Author/Contact Information and Arguments **for** the state ballot question entitled "Medical Use of Marijuana." A hard copy of the attach documents will be delivered by courier to the Secretary of State's Office this afternoon.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

John J. Commisso

Please note our new address –

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July 13, 2012

BY EMAIL AND HAND DELIVERY

Michelle Tassinari
Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth
Elections Division
One Ashburton Place, Room 1705
Boston, MA 02108

Re: Committee for Compassionate Medicine, Arguments For Medical Use of Marijuana

Dear Ms. Tassinari:

On behalf of the Committee for Compassionate Medicine, I have enclosed the following documents in support of the state ballot question regarding the medical use of marijuana:

- 1) Author/Contact Information For 2012 Information for Voters Booklet; and
- 2) Arguments for Medical Use of Marijuana.

Please contact me at (617) 338-9300 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "THOMAS M. HOOPES", written over a horizontal line.

Thomas M. Hoopes

Enclosures



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Elections Division

**AUTHOR/CONTACT INFORMATION FOR 2012
INFORMATION FOR VOTERS BOOKLET
ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST**

BALLOT QUESTION TITLE: Medical Use of Marijuana

CIRCLE ONE:

FOR

AGAINST

NAME: Linda Brantley, President, New England Coalition for Cancer Survivorship

ORGANIZATION: Committee for Compassionate Medicine

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 5715

Boston, MA 02114

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 617-520-4559

WEBSITE: www.compassionforpatients.com

I acknowledge and agree that the above information will be printed as the author/contact in the 2012 **Information for Voters Booklet**.


SIGNATURE

Thomas M. Hoopes, Treasurer

July 13, 2012

DATE

Arguments FOR Medical Use of Marijuana

A YES vote will ease the suffering of thousands of people with cancer, Parkinson's disease, Crohn's disease, multiple sclerosis, HIV/AIDS, glaucoma, and other debilitating conditions. Scientific research has proven that marijuana can be useful for many clinical applications, including pain relief, nausea, and seizures.

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Tassinari, Michelle (SEC)

From: Michael Clarke <michael@campaignology.com>
Sent: Friday, July 13, 2012 3:25 PM
To: Tassinari, Michelle (SEC); Tassinari, Michelle (SEC)
Cc: Steve Crawford
Subject: Final Argument - Petition G
Attachments: FINAL - 150 Word Argument - Petition G.txt; FINAL - 150 Word Argument - Petition G.doc

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Michelle,

Please find attached the final copy, as filed today, of the 150 word argument in favor of the Death with Dignity Act (Petition G). Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Thanks,
Michael Clarke
Dignity 2012

Michael Clarke
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*** * * FINAL * * ***

IN FAVOR: When my father was diagnosed with brain cancer, he had little time left. As his final days neared, he chose to use the Death with Dignity law in his home state of Oregon. The Massachusetts version, like those in other states, will allow mentally competent adults with no chance to survive their illness to take life-ending medication prescribed by a physician.

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I urge you to vote "Yes" because, while this choice isn't for everyone, everyone has the right to this choice.

Heather Clish
Reading, MA

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Sent: Monday, July 16, 2012 9:12 AM
To: Tassinari, Michelle (SEC)
Cc: Tom Hoopes; Erik Balsbaugh; Lynda Tocci; Jack Corrigan
Subject: RE: Author/Contact Information and Arguments For Medical Use of Marijuana
Attachments: Argument For Medical Use of Marijuana.doc

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John

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From: John B. Kelly <john.b.kelly@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2012 4:40 PM
To: Tassinari, Michelle (SEC)
Subject: request for opposition statement on question two by committee against physician assisted suicide

Dear Michelle,

I would like to request a copy of the opposition statement submitted by the ballot Committee Against Physician Assisted Suicide, regarding Question 2.

Thank you very much,

John

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John Kelly, Director
Second Thoughts: People with Disabilities Opposing the Legalization of Assisted Suicide
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Tassinari, Michelle (SEC)

From: Clare D. McGorrian <info@cdmhealthcounsel.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2012 8:29 PM
To: Tassinari, Michelle (SEC)
Cc: 'John B. Kelly'
Subject: Second Thoughts - Submission of Argument Opposing Ballot Question 2
Attachments: Ltr Secy State Tassinari 7.24.12 final.pdf

Dear Ms. Tassinari:

As follow up to the voicemail I left for you this afternoon, please see the attached letter. I look forward to addressing any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

/s/Clare McGorrian

Note: I am also sending the attached letter via facsimile.

CLARE D. MCGORRIAN, ATTORNEY

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July 24, 2012

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND FACSIMILE

Michelle K. Tassinari, Director and Legal Counsel
Secretary of the Commonwealth, Elections Division
One Ashburton Place, Room 1705
Boston, MA 02108

RE: Second Thoughts - Opposing Argument on Ballot Question 2 (Assisted Suicide)

Dear Ms. Tassinari:

I am writing on behalf of Second Thoughts, a nonelected political committee organized under G.L. c. 55 and on file to influence the outcome of Ballot Question 2 (the so-called "Death with Dignity Act"). Second Thoughts was formed by Massachusetts residents with disabilities who oppose the legalization of assisted suicide.

Under G.L. c. 54 § 54 the Secretary must seek arguments against Question 2 from its "principal" opponents for submission to the voters. In determining "those persons best able to present" such arguments, the Secretary "shall contact" each nonelected political committee on file to influence the ballot measure. Yet Second Thoughts was not contacted; rather, the Secretary accepted argument opposing Question 2 only from The Committee Against Physician Assisted Suicide. As an organization of people with disabilities who have unique and important concerns about legalization of physician-assisted suicide, Second Thoughts' input should be considered and added to the arguments against Question 2. Section 54 refers to "opponents" and "persons," indicating that the arguments of more than one duly constituted political committee may be included on the ballot for the voters' consideration.

Second Thoughts is finalizing its 150-word statement and will submit the argument for the Secretary's consideration tomorrow. Given the lack of consultation with the organization, as required by law, the Secretary should make allowance for any further time necessary for the timely submission of Second Thoughts' argument.

Second Thoughts wishes to express in advance its appreciation of the Secretary's thoughtful consideration of its submission. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely yours,

/s/Clare D. McGorrian

cc: John Kelly, Director, Second Thoughts

Tassinari, Michelle (SEC)

From: Tassinari, Michelle (SEC)
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2012 5:25 PM
To: 'Clare D. McGorrian'
Cc: 'John B. Kelly'
Subject: RE: Second Thoughts - Submission of Argument Opposing Ballot Question 2

Atty. McGorrian-

I am writing to confirm our telephone conversation regarding the submission of an argument opposing ballot question # 2 by Second Thoughts, a nonelected political group formed by Massachusetts residents with disabilities who oppose the legalization of assisted suicide. As we discussed, the Legislature conferred the State Secretary with the discretion to determine the principal opponents best able to present the argument against the measure. In exercising this discretion and in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 54, § 54, the Secretary duly selected The Committee Against Physician Assisted Suicide, a nonelected political committee which is organized under the provision of chapter fifty-five and which is on file with the director of Office of Campaign and Political Finance, to provide the 150 word statement in opposition of Ballot Question 2. Further, as I mentioned, the statute provides for only one argument to appear in the booklet, but we'd be happy to keep the argument on file in the event we have any inquiries for additional information.

You have indicated your clients are in communication with the group that has already submitted the "against" argument and may be able to agree to modified language to the argument already received. If you can provide updated language of no more than 150 words by 5:00 pm tomorrow submitted on behalf of the organizations jointly, we will consider including it in the booklet.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Michelle K. Tassinari
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